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the other 11 have died and how many have been discharged cured, and likewise absolutely impossible to get any physician to state professionally that these were bubonic cases in fact.

I have, in conclusion, to repeat what has already been said in my former dispatch, that although the situation here has not, to my mind, justified my cabling the presence of an epidemic, every preparation has been made both here and at the various consular agencies to notify you promptly should the need arise.

Plague at Lima.

The following is received from Minister Dudley, under date of March 30:

[Telegram.]

Lima suddenly threatened with epidemic plague. Twenty-three new cases past week. Four deaths yesterday. All other Peruvian points free.

Exports from Callao possibly plague infected.

CALLAO, PERU, April 2, 1904.

SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington:

Bubonic Lima only; Callao exports possibly poisoned.

GOTTSCHALK.

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Immigration.

Acting Chief Quarantine Officer Clark reports, March 28, as follows:

Report of alien passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended March 26, 1904.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Mar. 20	Julia	Habana, Nuevitas, Puerto Padre, Gibara, Baracao, Santiago de Cuba, Santo Domingo City, San Pedro de Macaris, Dominican Republic.	19
21	Esk	Castries, Fort de France, Roseau, Point-a-Pitre, Montserrat, St. John Antigua, St. Christopher, and St. Thomas.	5
22	Montserrat	Habana, Limon, Colon, Barranquilla, Caracas, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra.	9
23	Caracas	Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, La Guayra.	3

Epidemic of enteric fever at Mayaguez.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Miranda, at Mayaguez, reports, through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, March 24, as follows:

Replying to your letter dated March 17, I have to state that the health office in Mayaguez reported to me March 23, the following:

1. Number of cases of enteric fever now existing here, 43.
2. Number of cases since the epidemic began, about 190.

3. The spread of the disease is of an epidemic character, and it commenced at the middle of January, ultimo.

4. The disease probably originated from the main water supply of Mayaguez having become infected.

5. Mayaguez is supplied from the small river Yaguez that in normal condition gives good water, but the interior of the city's reservoir is defective.

6. The general opinion of the physicians of the city, as well as the opinion of the health office here, reported to the board of health of Porto Rico, under date of February 16, is that there exists now, at Mayaguez, an epidemic of enteric fever more or less modified or attenuated.

7. Since the 11th of the present month no new cases of this disease have been reported.

In regard to question 2 of your letter, respecting the number of cases of enteric fever which have occurred in Mayaguez during the past six months, the number is unknown. Physicians here report to health office only deaths from enteric fever, but not the cases of persons affected with this disease.

The deaths from enteric fever at Mayaguez from January, 1903, to March 24, 1904, occurred as follows:

1903.			
January	0	September	1
February	0	October	1
March	0	November	0
April	0	December	0
May	0	1904.	
June	1	January	2
July	1	February	0
August	0	March (until 24th)	7

Referring to question 6 of same letter, the surgeon of the U. S. S. *Bache* states as follows:

That "the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey steamer *Bache* has not taken water of any kind at Mayaguez; that the water is for the most part distilled on board ship; and that the ship stopped getting ice at Mayaguez for a time, but upon the manager of the ice factory furnishing them with a certificate that the water used was all filtered and distilled, they took ice again from them."

The months of January, February, and March of past year were rainy, and during the same months of the present year heavy rains have fallen here, accompanied by strong heat and prolonged humidity, precisely at this season which should be dry and cold.

Report from Ponce—Immigration.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, March 26, through the chief quarantine officer, as follows:

Alien passengers arriving at Ponce during the week ended March 26, 1904.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Mar. 21	Cuban S. S. Maria Herrera.....	Habana, Nuevitas, Santiago de Cuba..	1